

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair and slightly warmer to-day; to-morrow partly cloudy and warmer.

Highest temperature yesterday, 52; lowest, 44.

Detailed weather reports will be found on editorial page.

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## RADICALS IN AMERICA AROUSED TO ACTION BY BOMB OUTRAGE

Cells of Sacco and Vangetti Draw the Attention of a World Audience.

## DEFENCE FUND GROWS

Legal Fight of Months Assured as Court Arranges Appeal.

## NEW GROUPS CONTRIBUTE

Federal Agents Are Tracing Connection of Red Agents With Bomb Centres.

*Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.*  
BOSTON, Oct. 21.—Radical labor forces in America have reacted swiftly and powerfully to the violent protests raised in Europe against the execution of the death sentence on Sacco and Vangetti, Italian Communists in jail in the village of Dedham awaiting death for the murder of the Braintree postmaster and his guard.

Roused by the bomb outrage and threats against the lives of American diplomats, the Reds in the United States are opening their purses to aid the Boston defence committee, and with the added funds it will be possible to carry through one of the greatest legal battles this country has known.

The bomb set off in the home of Ambassador Herrick in Paris appears to have accomplished its aim. The eyes of the radical forces of the world are centred on the Dedham cell and the money is coming in to help the condemned men.

New England's Mooney case, as the Sacco and Vangetti affair is known, is really just getting a good start, although it has kept Boston agitated for a year or longer. Now that the murder has taken on an international importance and has involved several governments, the radicals are assured a world audience for their hearing—which is exactly what they are after.

## DEFENCE FUND GROWING

Counsel for the condemned men and representatives of the defence committee publicity bureau at 236 Hanover street are protesting vigorously to-day that the Braintree murder case has no possible connection with the bomb in Paris and threats against the lives of American Consuls General at Marseilles, Bordeaux, Lyons and other cities of the Old World. They add in the next breath, however, that labor circles all over the United States have become greatly agitated and the word is coming hourly from some new group lending encouragement and giving aid.

The legal papers are prepared for the appeal and it is expected most of next week will be given to the argument. Frederick H. Moore, California lawyer, brought here to help defend Sacco and Vangetti, will remain to fight. The first appeal is on the record of the case. Then comes the argument on the execution, of which there are said to be hundreds. Counsel will then move for a new trial and, failing, will lead technicalities on which to get the case to the Supreme Court of this State. Judge Webster Thayer, who presides at the trial, has called a conference of counsel and State representatives to arrange the programme. The legal battle will take months, Sacco and Vangetti are safe from the chair for a long time, whatever may be the outcome of the fight in the courts.

Federal agents who are tracing the connection between the Red centres in the United States and the bomb centres in Europe are concerned in knowing what has become of New York radicals. It will be recalled that Sacco and Vangetti were arrested with Andrea Salsedo and imprisoned by the Department of Justice in connection with the Federal Government's efforts to break down the Red uprising planned in this country in May, 1920.

## AROUSING EUROPE'S REDS.

While Salsedo and Ella were locked up in New York Sacco and Vangetti went down from Boston to assist them on the behalf of the radical forces. Then Salsedo jumped to his death from the Park Row Building. Ella was deported soon thereafter and is known now to be in either France or Italy. The officials believe she is with Mike Dola, the radical who was suspected of having participated with Sacco and Vangetti in the Braintree murder but who fled to Europe. Dola and Ella are believed to be the ring-leaders of the whole movement in Europe.

Further evidence of the intimate connection between these radical centres is shown by the fact that at the very time Sacco and Vangetti were arrested they were arranging for a meeting for the purpose of raising funds to help Salsedo and Ella. Dola and Ella are believed to be the ring-leaders of the whole movement in Europe.

The mass meeting was being arranged by Sacco and Vangetti at Brockton, and they were informing the members of the Italian and other radicals by repeating the charge of the Salsedo murder in New York when their activity was interrupted by their arrests and their own

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## Northcliffe's Hat Off to U. S. in Philippines

*MANILA, Oct. 21.*—The United States and Great Britain would be found standing together if any trouble developed in the Far East, Viscount Northcliffe, who arrived to-day from Australia, said in the Rotary Club. The English speaking people of the world and those whom they assist should stand shoulder to shoulder as they did in the world war, he declared. He praised the United States for what had been accomplished in the Philippines, and said: "I take off my hat to America for what she has done here." He advised the Filipinos to remain under the American flag.

## DISDAIN OF JUDGES FOR VOLSTEAD LAW SCORED BY HAYNES

Hostility Influences Courts and Makes Convictions Difficult, He Says.

*Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.*

*New York Herald Bureau.*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21.—Judges and public officials were arraigned for hostility to prohibition enforcement by prohibition commissioner Haynes in a speech to-night before a church gathering.

The bottleggers' aristocracy, as Mr. Haynes termed the illicit liquor venders, enjoys practical immunity from punishment in some sections of the United States because of the attitude of the courts toward the Volstead law.

"There are some judges who use their high position to express disdain for the Volstead law," Mr. Haynes said. "It is time judges of this country take the Eighteenth Amendment more seriously. 'It is the duty of the courts to administer justice. In my judgment light fines and long delays have contributed in no small way to the defiance which the bottleggers show toward the law. 'Nothing is more potent in developing the brazen bootlegger than the consciousness of being caught and then being able to escape penalty. Many times the obstacles placed in the way of justice work to this very end.'"

## 'BABE' RUTH QUILTS BARNSTORMING TRIP

Will Appeal to Judge Landis for Leniency.

Babe Ruth has quit his barnstorming trip and is going to return to New York immediately. Babe Ruth, who was arrested on his barnstorming tour, also have quit. Babe is repentant. He says he now realizes he was ill advised when he defied organized baseball and hopes that the punishment meted out to him by Judge Landis will not be too severe.

Babe saw the light after Col. T. L. Huston, part owner of the Yankees, caught up with him at Seneca Falls, yesterday afternoon. The Colonel impressed on the King of Swat the error he had committed against organized baseball and advised him to abandon his barnstorming and throw himself on the mercy of Judge Landis.

After a half hour's talk with the Colonel Ruth admitted that he had made a mistake and declared that he would handle another ball or bat until he began practice with the Yankees next spring.

On the advice of Col. Huston he will go to Chicago in a few days to see Judge Landis personally and explain his case.

The other Yankees who quit the barnstorming team are Bob Meusel, Billy Pierce and Tom Sheehan.

## FLIVVER'S BACKFIRE ESTIMATED AT \$5,000

Chicagoan Files in Court a List of His Injuries.

*Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.*

*CHICAGO, Oct. 21.*—Here is positively the latest Ford story on record. George M. Brenner of Chicago asked Judge David to-day to make the Ford Motor Company pay to him \$5,000 for the following injuries received by him, when his flivver backfired Tuesday.

"Sick, sore, lame, disordered, bruised, wrenched, injured, crippled, internal organs weakened, nerves shattered, suffered pain and anguish and contusions about the face, arms, legs, and body and head, and broken right arm."

## PHONED JERSEY TO STAY TWO ELECTROCUTIONS

Message Purported to Come From French Consulate Here.

*TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 21.*—With news from abroad of supposed Communist demonstrations in behalf of the two Italians convicted in Massachusetts of murder, attaches of the Governor's office to-day recalled a mysterious telephone message received Tuesday.

This message, purporting to come from the "French Consulate in New York," asked Gov. Edwards to "stay the execution of two men October 24" to facilitate efforts to save their lives. No names were mentioned.

The Governor's office informed the party that no electrocutions were scheduled in New Jersey for October 24 and that some other State might be involved.

## PASTOR NOT GUILTY OF KILLING PRIEST

Alabama Jury Frees Man Who Shot Father Coyle.

*Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.*  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 21.—The jury in the case of the Rev. Edwin Stephenson, who shot and killed Rev. Father Coyle, priest, on August 11, brought in a verdict of not guilty to-night and the accused man was released, while the spectators cheered.

The jury took the case at six o'clock after six hours of argument by attorneys on both sides and the charge by Judge Foster.

At twenty minutes past ten o'clock the verdict was rendered. While one of the attorneys was arguing Ruth Gussman, daughter of the accused man, whose marriage to Father Coyle was the primary cause of the killing of Father Coyle, went over to her mother and father and kissed them.

## BEATY, NAVAL HERO OF BRITAIN, WARMLY WELCOMED TO CITY

Twelve Destroyers Act as Escort to Vessel Bearing Famous Admiral.

## RECEIVED BY HYLAN

Mayor Confers Freedom of City, but British Flags Not on Staff.

## CHEERED BY CURB THIRONG

An Occasional Irrepressible Irishman Shouted 'Hooray for Ireland!'

England's sea hero, Admiral Lord Beatty, one of the four distinguished military guests of the American Legion, arrived on the Cunarder Aquitania yesterday and received honors proper to his fame.

He came ashore with his cap rakishly tilted over his left eyebrow and with the well shaped head under the cap thrown back in an attitude jauntily challenging—a trick, by the way, of one of our own sea captains, Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson, now commanding at the Naval Academy—and with all the look of a man who makes a business of looking folks straight in the eye.

To those who had never seen the victor of the Dogger Banks and of Heligoland it was apparent that here was the Beatty of the widely circulated pictures, a most resolute and confident figure of a man; one who would command attention even without his present rank and celebrity. Surveying him it was not difficult to understand why the British idolize Beatty as one of the most dashing fighters in their naval history. He looks the part.

## An Anglo-Saxon Occasion.

So much has been heard of him and his deeds on this side of the water that the crowds which assembled in various parts of the city to see him and to clap hands for him were fully as large, if not so noisy, as have gathered to greet other world famous sojourners in this land. It was an Anglo-Saxon occasion pretty much altogether and not so vocally prominent as the Latin throngs that fairly rattled the firmament saluting their hero Diaz a day or so before. Moreover, the core of all the crowds was English, and the King himself couldn't shake British stolidity.

On the water at Quarantine, off the point of Manhattan, at Pier A, in lower Broadway, at the City Hall, up through the island to the home of Marshall Field at 690 Park avenue, he was received with every possible manifestation of public respect and admiration.

The big Aquitania loomed off Quarantine shortly after 8 A. M. The wind was shrieking overhead, making hard work for the army and navy planes that were swooping like gulls in the sunshine, and underneath the sea floor was tumbled and tempestuous, such weather as seamen love but such as rumbles the tumblers of landmen. Ahead of the tall Cunarder were twelve of the fastest destroyers of the United States Navy, forty mile an hour, boats that Beatty himself had commanded, and their colors were snapping like rifle shots as they flashed past the police and press boats. There were no symbols on the Aquitania of Beatty's presence aboard, but with the destroyers and the guns of the forts at the Narrows smacking the air with the whistles of their guns, the Admiral's rank there was no occasion for puzzlement.

The navy tug Vigilant, carrying various representative persons, including Rear Admiral Hugh Rodman, who had served with Beatty; Capt. S. R. Bailey, British Naval Attaché, and who had been Beatty's flag officer; and the fighting darts on the Queen Elizabeth; Capt. D. C. Hanrahan, U. S. N.; Col. George W. Burleigh, representing Gov. Allen; George A. Wingate, acting for Mayor Hylan; Col. Franklin D'Oller, former commander of the American Legion; Col. Alton T. Roberts, chairman of the American Legion reception committee; Col. W. de Lancey Kointze, also representing the legion; Lieut.-Col. S. G. Sharple, representing Major-General Robert Lee Bullard, and Marshall Field, nephew of Lady Beatty, who is host for Lord and Lady Beatty and their son, Peter, while the Beattys are in New York. A gauntlet bridged the short gap between the two ships and over this none too generous looking plank Admiral Rodman and the reception committee hurriedly tripped. This was at 10:20 A. M.

The Admiral received the party with smiles and hearty handshakes. He wore the undress uniform of his rank, and his cap, as has been noted, was cocked over the eye at a provocative angle. Upon his breast were ribboned the many orders and decorations that have come to him in acknowledgment of merit, while about his neck was hung the Order of Merit, most prized of all British decorations, save only for the little bronze cross that Victoria originated. Beatty and Rodman, old comrades in arms, shook hands with especial heartiness. She stood with him, very pleased and proud, holding her son Peter's hand.

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## Pope Grieved Over De Valera's Letter

*LONDON, Oct. 22 (Saturday).*—A high official of the Vatican is quoted by the *Daily Mail's* Rome correspondent as saying that Pope Benedict "is much grieved over the evident mistrust between Great Britain and Ireland, of which Eamon de Valera's letter is additional proof." He also is given as authority for the statement that the Pope is convinced that "if both parties could forget the past and approach the Irish question with unbiased minds, a solution would soon be forthcoming."

As to Mr. de Valera's letter, according to the correspondent, it is generally felt that the Republican leader was guilty of an indelicate act in referring to ambiguities in King George's message to the Pope.

## IRISH PEACE OR WAR HANGS BY A THREAD

'Ship Barely Afloat' Is the Way One Dail Delegate Describes It.

## DE VALERA NOTE ANNOYS

Rupture Would Bring General Election to Decide British Course.

*By the Associated Press.*

*LONDON, Oct. 21.*—The Irish peace negotiations appeared rapidly drifting toward the rocks at the end of today's meeting. The conference, which is to be renewed Monday, was said to have narrowly escaped being ended to-day.

The Dail delegates were very much depressed this afternoon, for there was little doubt that the delegation was anxious to reach some sort of an agreement. One of the Irish delegates said gloomily: "The ship is barely afloat."

There are no plans for any meetings between members over the week end, and the situation must hang fire, it was understood, until Monday's session, which will be faced with the decision of whether it is to be "peace or war."

## De Valera's Mistakes.

The Central News issued a statement which is regarded in some quarters as possibly reflecting the British Government's view. It says:

"If Mr. De Valera is counting on the Premier's anxiety to attend the Washington conference as a factor leading the Government to be more amenable to pressure, he is making a profound miscalculation. The Premier is not committed irrevocably to the journey to Washington, and the idea that he might be induced to lead a movement of surrender to the Sinn Fein in order that he may attend the Washington conference is regarded as an attempt to force peace, but there is danger of a rupture in the conference on Monday unless the Sinn Fein delegates in London disown the action of Mr. De Valera and the extremists for whom he speaks. In that case a general election would be precipitated, and the Government would secure a new mandate to take whatever course toward Ireland is necessitated by new circumstances."

The Sinn Fein to-day that Mr. Lloyd George plans to sail on the Aquitania November 5, with A. J. Balfour, expecting to arrive in New York November 11, the day the conference in Washington begins.

Beatty's Ulster, the conference to-day reached the questions of the army and navy, which are critical ones, but progress was made. The Government negotiators, according to Sinn Fein sources, took violent exception to Eamon de Valera's message to the Pope and this development, added to the Ulster crisis, left the negotiations hanging by a mere string.

## Delegates Not Consulted.

There was said to be reason to believe the letter was written without consultation with the Irish delegates in London. As a statement of principle, the Dail delegates endorse it, but they did not find it helpful.

The Sinn Fein delegates defended the letter by the argument that when the King, who to them means the British Government, writes to the Pope presupposing Ireland's duty of allegiance to it, was necessary to make it perfectly clear that they recognized no such allegiance while the question remains open. The object of the negotiations, they pointed out, was to close that question one way or the other.

Some newspapers here suggest that the terms of the Pope's letter to King George imply that if war should be renewed in Ireland the Catholic Church might take sides against Sinn Fein.

The London *Times* scores Mr. de Valera in a severe editorial for his telephonic to-day Pope, which it imagines will fill his Holiness with dismay and certainly arouse the indignation of the people of this country and the dominions.

Toward the Pope himself, says the *Times*, "it is an act of impertinence; and toward the King, whose solicitude for the Irish people needs no proof, it is a slander to the point of churchiness."

**JUSTIFIES DE VALERA'S MESSAGE TO POPE**

**Irish 'Bulletin' Alleges Prejudice in King's Note.**

*DUBLIN, Oct. 21.*—The *Irish Bulletin*, representing the views of the Sinn Fein Ministers, to-day justifies De Valera's message to Pope Benedict. It says the British Government throughout the present negotiations has "continued its sinister misrepresentation of Ireland's case by speeches, letters and indirect statements."

It is declared by the *Bulletin* that those who drafted King George's reply to the Pope's message must have known that the words used prejudiced the whole question of Ireland's declared independence.

## JEROME GIVES LIGHT ON HYLAN'S CAREER IN QUEER BUSINESS

Former District Attorney Shows 'Honest John's' Relations With Goslin.

## CURRAN IS BATTLE CRY

Old Campaigner Fighting Mad at Mayor's Appeal to 'Plain People.'

## SCORES RECORD AS JUDGE

Asserts That Coalition Candidate Is the Stronger Five Cent Fare Advocate.

William Travers Jerome emerged from sixteen years of political seclusion last night into a little room at 2228 Broadway, where he entered the fight against Mayor Hylan and his Tammany ticket and backers. He spoke in the meeting room of the Seventh Assembly District Republican Club.

With all the fire and biting sarcasm that made him a terror to his enemies and the delight of those he championed back in 1905, he arraigned Mayor Hylan, Commissioner Enright and all Tammany in a manner that even those who were most familiar with his prowess on the stump declared to be one of his masterpieces.

He reviewed Mayor Hylan's business career that antedated his political ascension. He hauled forth checks and letters written by Mr. Hylan calling upon his hearers to witness the business associations of the man who seeks to rule New York city for four more years. He produced documents that purported to show how the Mayor, for all his berating of stock manipulators, suggested that a \$500,000 corporation be set up, permitting himself to contribute \$500 in instalments to this great manipulation.

## Calls for Curran Fighters.

Bitterly he called upon the city to behold the Hylan school record, and almost as bitterly demanded that the city arouse itself out of its lethargy and vote for Curran and the entire coalition ticket. He told his hearers to fight or declare themselves quitters. He literally withered the cry of the Mayor that he was deserving of the people's sympathy because of his humble origin and honesty. He dissected the Mayor's pleas for votes in a manner that had the crowd swaying between laughter and cheers.

A crowd that would not have been lost in Carnegie Hall or auditoriums even larger tried to get into the room to listen to the former District Attorney. Although they couldn't hear him, the folks unable to get in jammed themselves into the corridors leading to the room and the stairs up to that corridor. Others crowded the fire escapes. A mere handful of the crowd that fought for admission heard Mr. Jerome's speech. Nevertheless those who did hear their cues from their more fortunate neighbors and cheer and applauded, even though they caught but an occasional word.

Mr. Jerome's arraignment of Mayor Hylan's business ventures from the days he was a part owner of a patent on a bicycle whistle to his alleged affiliations with Alfred H. Goslin, who, according to the records has served three jail sentences before he became associated with the Mayor and, in 1905 is alleged to have given the latter, then running for a municipal court judgeship, \$900 in checks produced by Mr. Jerome, said that he had taken the record of the libel suit that the Mayor instituted against the *World* four years ago, only to drop after election.

He called upon Mayor to explain his connections with Goslin who, according to the Mayor's testimony, he never saw. And he demanded that the Mayor explain a letter to Goslin which Mr. Jerome produced.

## Everybody Must Get 'Mad.'

"I haven't a speech to make anywhere else. I will stay just as long as you will. I don't exactly know, since the folks who were formerly our superiors, have become our equals, how to teach a mixed meeting. We need to say, Fellow Citizens will have to do for both of us."

"After sixteen years sitting on the sidelines there is so little real spirit, so little real sense of shame, so little real indignation left in the people of the city of New York that they have to pull out an old hat like me to try to teach them. This political game is not fun for me. Nothing is fun for you when you want it away down in your heart. Nothing is fun for you when you are fighting because your very soul burns with indignity, and shame that the city that you were born and bred in has been looted and misruled and misgoverned by a gang of abominable grafters for four years."

"Never mind the applause business. I am not here for the glad hand. You ought to be in abundance years ago. Now we have got more important matters than that to deal with. Each of you have got to get mad. You are not fit for any government than what you have had until you have it burned into your soul that you want to have something different and decent. We start on a campaign that is an insult to the intelligence of the people of this city. A campaign of camouflage and smoke screen."

"There is no one that has read the history of this city and the history of Tammany Hall who does not know that Tammany wants is a quiet campaign. I should think they would like to have it still. But what they do say

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## U. S. BOARD HALTS STRIKE; MEN AND ROADS WARNED; NEW CONFERENCE CALLED

STRIKE, NOT A COMPROMISE, IS DEMAND OF MERCHANTS

*By the Associated Press.*  
*CHICAGO, Oct. 21.*—The Chicago Association of Commerce to-night sent a telegram to President Harding stating that it believed it "better to have a rail strike now and the issue settled correctly rather than to accept any compromise or sacrifice any principle that would postpone a settlement of this great question."

"Believing national prosperity depends on reduction of all freight rates, which cannot be reduced unless railroad operating costs are lessened, any action preventing proper reduction of transportation costs will prove harmful to the entire country," the message said.

## UNION LEADERS WILL OBEY CALL OF BOARD

Eager to Attend Wednesday's Meeting in Hope of Strike Being Averted.

## ROADS' LOCKOUT HALTED

Southern Line Ordered to Withhold Notice—Lee Hits at Meddlers.

*By the Associated Press.*

*CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.*—Although lacking the official orders citing the railroad brotherhood chiefs and the railroad executives to appear before the Railroad Labor Board next Wednesday for a hearing on whether the wage reduction of last July has been or is being violated and to consider the question of rules and working conditions, which the unions contend are being violated by the carriers, local brotherhood executives said to-night they would respond to the citation and be on hand for the hearing.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said: "I am perfectly willing to recognize any order from the board or any other proper authority that will tend to prevent the strike."

Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said: "I certainly will go there if ordered," adding that all the other chief executives of the railroad transportation organizations also "will go anywhere they are ordered to appear in connection with a settlement of the strike."

Regarding the order to maintain the status quo in so far as it might affect the strike of trainmen on the International and Great Northern (Texas), scheduled to begin to-morrow noon, Mr. Lee's only comment was: "I can answer that to-morrow afternoon."

In connection with the action by the Labor Board that it has assumed jurisdiction over the dispute between the transportation organization and the carriers over rules and working conditions, Mr. Lee said the board had notified him that it has ordered the Tremont and Gulf Railroad to withhold all orders posted to-day abrogating all schedules between the company and the members of the "Big Five" transportation organizations at 6 o'clock this evening and asserting that employees unwilling to work under open shop conditions will be considered as no longer in the company's service.

Posting of the notice was transmitted to Mr. Lee to-day by the local chairman of the board, Mr. J. H. Lee, who said he at once notified the Labor Board and asked whether the board would assume jurisdiction. The board replied, Mr. Lee said, that it had assumed jurisdiction and had notified the railroad to obey the law.

Mr. Lee also issued a statement outlining his position on alleged demands that he be put in the transportation net, in which he asserted that any person making the demand should also demand a law for the regulation of his own business. He will establish the same relations between himself and his employees that he demands for railway employees.

## ACCUSED OF SLAYING HUSBAND, TRIES TO DIE

Mrs. Shope of Chicago Slashes Throat and Wrists.

*Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.*  
*CHICAGO, Oct. 21.*—Mrs. Madeline Shope, wife of Frederick Shope, wealthy apartment house owner, whose body was found in Alexian Brothers Hospital a few days ago with a pistol clamped in one hand, to-day slashed her throat and wrists in an attempt to die.

Mrs. Shope was released during the morning on \$10,000 bail. She had been charged with the murder of her husband, who was found dead in the bathroom, where, obtaining a safety razor blade, she attempted suicide.

"I'm not going to let those bad men get me," she gasped. She probably will recover.

**DAD IS NOW GRANDDAD OF HIS OWN CHILDREN**

Simple—He Married His Mother-in-Law.

*Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.*

*CEDAR RAPIDS, Oct. 21.*—George E. Bider, 41, is the stepfather of his former wife and the grandfather of six of his own children.

It's this way: To-day he married his mother-in-law, Mrs. Julia Bider, 48. A few weeks ago he got a divorce from Mrs. Eva Bider, the present Mrs. Bider's daughter and mother of Bider's six children.

## HARDING EXPECTED LABOR BOARD TO ACT

Cabinet Discusses Methods to Keep Mail, Food and Fuel Trains in Operation.

## ARMY READY FOR THE JOB

Troops Allocated to Strategic Points—New England Has Three Weeks Food.

*Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.*

*New York Herald Bureau.*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21.—President Harding has not changed to-day from the position which he took when the railroad wage controversy became critical, that it is the Railroad Labor Board's job to settle the difficulty, not his. His position was made clear again officially at the White House.

The Cabinet discussed the possibility of a strike resulting from the failure of the railroad brotherhoods and the executives to abide by the terms of the transportation act and accept the labor board as the adjudicator of the controversy. Most of their time, however, was devoted to a consideration of ways and means to keep the trains moving if the union men walk out.

Federal troops will be used to operate the trains that are needed to take food, fuel and other necessities to the congested population centres and to transport the mails. It was officially denied that the President would resort to his war powers. There would be no military action, it was explained, and besides, the country is not at war.

The President was informed to-day of the action of the Railroad Labor Board in Chicago in citing the brotherhoods and railroad executives to appear before it next Wednesday to prove they have not violated the law in declining to recognize the authority of the board. This action was part of the programme urged by the President on the public group of the board when it met at the White House a few days ago.

Every move of the board is being watched by the President and his Cabinet advisers. It has been suggested that the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, headed by Judge William I. Chambers, might be asked to try its hand at settling the strike if the Railroad Labor Board should fail, but Congress by refusing to appropriate any money for this agency has given it the stamp of disapproval.

The War Department has worked out detailed plans for the manning of food and fuel relief trains by troops. The men are being concentrated at strategic points.

The Administration has information showing that New England has only three weeks supply of food and fuel. The section has only a two days' milk supply. Government officials have volunteered offers from many men to man trains. Many of them are graduates of railroad service and some are making as much as \$25,000 a year.

It was made known to-day that the Army Corps mobilized contains men qualified for every form of transportation and railroad transportation with the exception of track walkers. The President as Commander in Chief can order them on the trains, or, if necessary, a proclamation of martial law can be issued for the purpose of protecting the people and the United States mails.

## RUMOR SAYS ALEXANDER HAS BULLET WOUND

Jugo-Slav King Injured by Belgrade Assassin.

*VIENNA, Oct. 21.*—King Alexander of Jugo-Slavia is declared to be suffering from a wound in his stomach received from a bullet or the fragment of a bomb during the attempt made on his life in Belgrade some time